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FRENCH GUNS DESTROY BATTERIES
OF THE GERMANS, WAR OFFICE REPORTSBULL MARKET SENDS PRICES
UP WHEN EXCHANGE OPENS
FOR TRADING IN STOCKSWives and Sweethearts of
Brokers on Hand to Wit-
ness the Start.

TOTAL SALE NORMAL.

Bedlam Breaks Loose When
Gong Gives the Cue for
First Trading.Trading in stocks was resumed this
morning with joyous enthusiasm on
the Stock Exchange after nineteen
weeks of wartime closing. There was
no avalanche of foreign selling, no
disastrous slump in prices. On the
contrary, prices all along the line took
a jump.The greatest speculative game in
the world was opened under rules
specially made for the occasion to
prevent anybody from losing and to
give the long idle brokers a chance
to make some money for Christmas
cheer. Nobody was more interested in
this phase of the game than large
numbers of women. They filled the
galleries of the Exchange and in private
rooms of offices others waited
with animated eagerness for news of
the start.Four months of hard times in Wall
street have inflicted privations and
economies on many households ac-
customed to extravagant luxury. Re-
opening of the Exchange, therefore,
had a vital interest for wives and
sweethearts and they were more ex-
cited over it than the men.From a spectacular point of view
there was small demonstration at the
start. The scenes were not half so
tumultuous as on many previous days
of rapid rise or fall in some specula-
tive securities. Still crossing fifty or
Union Pacific touching two hundred
have drawn larger crowds and pro-
voked more noise on the floor.The bond brokers, on their plat-
form at one end of the room, who
have held the centre of the stage for
the past two weeks, retired to the
background, and though they shouted
and jumped about, making consider-
able noise, they were compelled to
play minor roles to the stockbrokers
who swarmed over the main floor,
watching the clock hands approach
the opening hour of 10 o'clock.Secretary George W. Ely touched an
electric push button and the big brass
gong gave a boom. Instantly there
was a series of sharp, staccato yells,
five hundred yip, yip, yips, blending
into a single volume of chorused
sound. It lasted for ten seconds, and

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200 AIRSHIPS NEEDED
FOR THE U. S. NAVYHead of Aeronautical Bureau Tells
How Craft May Be Used in
Time of War.WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Two hun-
dred naval aircraft—100 for active ser-
vice and 100 to be held in reserve—are
urgently needed by the United States
Navy in its plans for national defense,
as outlined in recommendations of Capt.
Mark L. Bristol, chief of the aeronau-
tical bureau of the Navy Department,
to the House Naval Committee, made
public to-day.It would require an appropriation of
\$2,000,000 to bring the aeronautical
branch of the navy up to a proper stand-
ard of efficiency, Capt. Bristol told the
committee."PLAYED JUDAS,"
SAYS LEITER ON
\$12,000,000 LOSSAnswering Suit, He Recalls
Great Wheat Corner and De-
clares He Was Deceived.CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—The stirring
days of the Leiter wheat "corner,"
the failure of which cost Joseph
Leiter more than \$12,000,000 in 1893,
were recalled to-day in the United
States Court before Judge Humphrey
when Leiter took the witness stand.Leiter, now a resident of Washing-
ton and a son of the late Levi Z.
Leiter, who made many millions of
dollars in Chicago, is being sued by
the Interior Elevator Company and
Charles W. Lane, auditor of the Mon-
arch Elevator Company of Minneapo-
lis for \$380,000, principal and interest
on notes given the plaintiffs in the
year of the corner. The suit was filed
in 1911, but hearing did not begin until
yesterday.In connection with the notes Leiter
named "F. H. Peavey and the Pills-
bury people" of Minneapolis and
charged them with deceiving him. His
defense is that the elevator com-
panies were virtually in partnership
with him, having agreed not to sell
grain in the Chicago market while his
big deal was on."They played Judas with me," he
testified. "When the market broke I
found that I owed one creditor—the
Illinois Trust and Savings Bank—be-
tween ten and twelve millions of dol-
lars. Every cent of it and of other
bills has been paid. I do not owe
this one."Leiter said that he was in control
of the Chicago market and would
have won had Peavey and the Pills-
bury people kept their promise to
him. Local traders still talk of the
sensational conclusion of the deal.Philip D. Armour, the veteran
packer, was the man who fought
Leiter in the deal. He is said to have
won a large sum.COLLINS AND HIMMEL
ARE MADE CAPTAINSAfter serving a satisfactory proba-
tionary period of three months Lieut.
Oscar P. Himmel and John J. Collins
were promoted to the rank of captain
in the Police Department to-day.
Capt. Himmel will command the
Sixth Avenue Precinct and Capt. Col-
lins the Amity Street Precinct in
Brooklyn. They have been assigned
to these stations as acting captains.Both are well known police officers.
Capt. Himmel was for many years on
the staff of Chief Inspector Schmitt-
berger and also acted as head of the
Mendicancy Squad. Capt. Collins was
the confidential lieutenant of Inspec-
tor Tilden, now retired, and was also
attached to the staff of Second
Deputy William J. Flynn, who is now
chief of the United States Secret
Service.Himmel and Collins headed the el-
ligible list. Lieutenants Meade and
Enright are next on the list, but a
new examination has been held, and
it is probable that new list will be
made up before the next appoint-
ments to the rank of captain are
made.SUBWAY TRAIN RUN
FROM THIRD CAR IN
VIOLATION OF RULEPassengers on Brooklyn Ex-
press Are Imperilled as
"L" Victims Were.

MOTORMAN BAILED OUT.

McMahon, In Charge of "L"
Train In Fatal Crash,
Is Released.The Brooklyn express train leaving
Brooklyn Bridge station at 2.45 o'clock
this afternoon for the Flatbush ave-
nue terminus was operated from a
motorbox in the third car from the
front of the train, the motor in the
leading car being "dead."A rule of the Interborough Com-
pany stipulates that when the motor
of the leading car on a train becomes
inoperative the guards shall discharge
all passengers at the next station and
the train shall be run "blind" to the
yards at the One Hundred and Thirty-
seventh Street station. The train
noted to-day was being run in viola-
tion of this rule, as passengers still
filled the cars, and despite the fact
that the operation of an elevated train
from the fourth car was held as a
contributory cause of the fatal col-
lision at One Hundred and Sixteenth
Street Wednesday night.In to-day's instance a train des-
patches, who had boarded the train
at one of the express stops further
up the line, was acting as motorman
in the third car motor box and the
regular motorman was on the plat-
form of the first car, signalling back
to him with a white lantern at every
stop and start.Yesterday The Evening World re-
ported a similar instance of flagrant
violation of the rules of safety on a
subway train running south. In that
case it was a guard who signalled
from the front platform, and the
motorman was directing the train
from the third car.Dennis J. McCabe, a motorman of
No. 1674 Bergen Street, Brooklyn,
called at the Coroner's office this
afternoon and offered his property as
surety for the \$2,000 bond of Thomas
McMahon, motorman of the Ninth
Avenue train that was wrecked at
One Hundred and Sixteenth Street.
Coroner Patrick Reardon accepted
the bond, sent to the Tombs for Mc-
Mahon and released him. The in-
quest was set for Dec. 23.Reardon took McMahon into an in-
ner office and had a long talk with
him.PLAYMATE OF A BOY
CAUSES HIS DEATHDavid Vetter, Six Years Old, Is
Pushed Under an Auto-
mobile.David Vetter, six years old, of No. 11
Essex Street, while playing at Heister
and Norfolk Streets with several com-
panions to-day, was pushed by one of
them directly in the path of an auto-
mobile.The car knocked the child down and
the front wheel ran over his chest.Dr. Gamble of the Gouverneur Hos-
pital removed the boy to that institu-
tion, but he died shortly after reach-
ing there.The police did not hold the chauff-
eur as witnesses exonerated him of
any blame. But they are looking for
the playmate of Vetter, who accord-
ing to other boys, ran away when he
saw his companion go under the
wheels.GERMANS BEATEN
IN TWO BATTLES,
SAYS PARIS REPORTHeavy Losses and Disorderly
Retreats North of Warsaw
and South of Cracow.

FIGHTING DESPERATE.

Servians Said to Have Cap-
tured 18,000 Men in the
Recent Battles.PARIS, Dec. 12 (Associated Press).
—The French War Office made the
following statement to-day on the
campaign in the east:"In the region of Miawa violent
attacks on the part of the Ger-
mans have been repulsed and the
Russians have again taken the of-
fensive against columns of the
enemy that are retiring in disor-
der. In the region to the north of
Lwów ferocious German attacks
have been also everywhere re-
pulsed, with heavy losses for them.""In the region south of Cracow
the Russian offensive has been
successfully continued in spite of a
stubborn resistance.""The Servian armies which had
reached the Kolubara River have
crossed this stream between the
Valjevo, which has been occupied
by them, and the junction of the
Lid. To the north they have oc-
cupied Lasarevats. The number
of prisoners taken by the Servians
in the course of these recent en-
gagements reaches the total of
about 18,000 men."LONDON, Dec. 12 (Associated Press).
—The close of the eighteenth week of
the war finds the stirring operations
in the eastern theatre of great im-
portance. Since the military head-
quarters on both sides profess sat-
isfaction with the situation as it af-
fects their respective armies and are
giving outsiders only scant oppor-
tunities of forming independent judg-
ment, it is difficult to estimate pre-
cisely the significance of what is hap-
pening.Nevertheless, it is now being said
that something went wrong with the
timing of the Austro-German opera-
tions for the relief of Cracow, Ga-
licia.The converging columns apparently
failed to effect a junction, with the
result that Gen. Dmitrieff, former
Bulgarian Minister at Petrograd,
seems to have been able to inflict a
sharp reverse on the Teutonic forces
by repulsing the individual armies be-
fore they had time to concentrate.Further to the north, the capture
of Lodz by the Germans, so far as is
known, has had no spectacular sequel.
It is considered possible that the
Germans just now are placing chief
reliance on the effort to turn the
right flank of the army of Grand
Duke Nicholas through the efforts
of the invading forces which have
been pushing forward from the direc-
tion of Miawa, near the East Prus-
sian border.BERLIN, Dec. 12 (by wireless to
London, Associated Press).—The Ger-
man official statement issued to-day
says:"On the East Prussian frontier
our cavalry repulsed Russian cav-
alry, taking 350 prisoners.""South of the Vistula and in
Northern Poland our operations
are developing.""In Southern Poland Russian
attacks have been repulsed by
Austro-Hungarian and German
troops."

STEAMSHIPS DUE TO-DAY.

Idaho, Hull, 1 P. M.
Lapland, Liverpool, 4.30 P. M.KAISER'S ARMY LOSES HOLD
ON WEST BANK OF YSER CANALDuchess of Croy, American Girl,
Who's Nursing Wounded HusbandLONDON, Dec. 12.—The Duchess of
Croy, formerly Miss Nancy Leishman,
daughter of John A. Leishman, ex-
American Ambassador at Berlin, is
nursing her husband, who was seri-
ously injured in the leg recently by
shrapnel in the fighting near Cracow.Mr. Leishman, who is now in Lon-
don, says that the Duke will be an in-
valid for many months.The former Ambassador called on
Ambassador Page yesterday.ARIZONA HANGING BEE
HAS BEEN CALLED OFFOf Six Men to Be Executed Gov.
Hunt Commutes Sentences of
Two and Refers Cases of Others.PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 12.—There
will be no hanging bee at Florence
Penitentiary Dec. 19. Six men con-
demned by the action of electorate
in voting Nov. 3 against abolition of
capital punishment in Arizona
won to-day the clemency of Gov.
Hunt. The sentences of two men
were commuted by the Governor just
before he began preparing the elec-
tion proclamation which would put
into effect, among measures, the new
law taking away his power of par-
don and commutation.The case of another was referred
to the Supreme Court, and the cases
of the other three were referred to
the Attorney General.

WANT DEATH INQUIRY MADE.

Family of Man Slain by Mexicans
Lays Case Before British Consul.PITTSBURGH, Dec. 12.—The family
of Robert E. Dunn, a young mine op-
erator, reported to have been slain by
Mexican bandits near Nacozari, to-day
laid the matter before the British Con-
sul in this city with the request for
an investigation.

\$500,000 Knapsack Order.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—An order for
\$500,000 worth of knapsacks has been
placed with a large factory here by the
British Government, it was learned to-
day.Paris War Office Says That Three
Batteries Were Destroyed and
Others Silenced Along the Battle
Front in Belgium and France.GERMANS CLAIM GAINS
AT IMPORTANT POINTSPARIS, Dec. 12 (Associated Press).—The French War
Office announced to-day that three German batteries had
been destroyed and others silenced.It is declared that several German trenches had been
blown up and that the allies had made successful infantry
attacks.The allies have won back possession of an extended sec-
tion along the west bank of the Yser Canal in Belgium, to
capture which the Germans engaged in the most desperate
and deadly fighting of the war in the west. The allies now
hold that bank.A blockhouse was blown up and two German batteries
destroyed on the heights of the Meuse. A battery of mortars
was destroyed in the Alsace region.The official statement again indicates the advantage of
resting with the allies along the entire line.The text of the communication follows:
"The enemy has completed the evacuation of the west bank of the
Yser Canal to the north of the house of the ferryman, and we occupy
this bank.""In the region of Arras there have been artillery engagements. In
the region of Nampool our batteries have reduced to silence the bat-
teries of the enemy. In the region of Alsace our heavy artillery silenced
the field batteries of the Germans. At a point northeast of Valenciennes
one of their batteries of howitzers was completely destroyed.""In the region of Perthes and in the vicinity of the Forest of La
Orrie there have been artillery engagements and some infantry fight-
ing, which resulted advantageously to us.""On the heights of the Meuse the artillery of the enemy showed
little activity. On the contrary, our artillery demolished at Dourmolen,
to the west of Vignoulles-Hattonchateau, two batteries of the enemy,
one composed of guns of large calibre and the other used for firing
upon aviators.""In the same region we have blown up a blockhouse and destroyed
several trenches.""Between the Meuse and the Moselle there is nothing to report, and
in the Vosges there have been artillery engagements. In the region of
Senones we have consolidated the positions gained by us the evening
before."German and French statements as to the happenings in the
forest of La Perthe are diametrically opposed. Both sides claim
success. This point is of especial importance, for if the allies, as
the French assert, have captured German trenches there, this change
sensitively increases the menace to the line of communication be-
tween Metz and the somewhat isolated German force at St. Mihiel.German War Office Reports Gains
Made in Fighting in BelgiumBERLIN (by wireless to London), Dec. 12 (Associated Press).—The
German War Office made announcement to-day:"In Flanders the French yesterday made attacks in the region
of Langemark, which were repulsed. They lost 200 men in killed
and we took 440 prisoners.""Our artillery bombarded the Ypres Railroad station to inter-
fere with the movements of the enemy's troops."

"We have made some progress near Arras."

"French troops again attacked us near Souain-Perthes, but
without success.""In the Argonne Forest the French for weeks past have limited
themselves to very weak attacks and they everywhere have been
repulsed. On the other hand, German troops have again taken posses-
sion of an important French position of support by means of the ex-
plosion of a mine. The enemy has suffered heavy losses in killed, and
many of their troops have been so severely shaken as to be unable
to fight any longer."German Cruiser Dresden Escaped,
Latest Report From ValparaisoLONDON, Dec. 12 (Associated Press).—A despatch to the Evening
News from Valparaiso, Chile, says it is reported that the German cruiser

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